

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 406

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joe Johnson Richard,
2003 Salutatorian of Donelson Christian
Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joe Johnson Richard is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at Donelson Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Richard has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Joe Richard has earned an exemplary 4.28 grade point average, even while maintaining a high level of involvement in school and community activities; and

WHEREAS, a talented musician and actor, Mr. Richard has been a member of the Thespian Society, the Show Choir, and the All-State SATB Choir and has performed in

numerous school musicals, including *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*; and

WHEREAS, Joe Richard is also a natural athlete: he ran track one year, and as a Junior, he achieved the distinction of 1st Degree Black Belt in Karate; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout, Mr. Richard is always eager to serve his neighbor, and through his involvement with the National Honor Society and other service organizations, he has given generously of his time and talents, working as a tutor, serving meals at the Nashville Rescue Mission, assisting with various construction projects, and leading Royal Ambassadors in developing their camping skills; and

WHEREAS, Joe Richard's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, particularly as he pursues a career in engineering; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Joe Richard's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Donelson Christian Academy Salutatorian, Joe Johnson Richard, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.